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LETTER DATED 30 DECEMBER 1993 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF AZERBAIJAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Azerbaijani Republic regarding the latest acts of aggression by the Republic of Armenia against Azerbaijan (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Yashar T. ALIYEV
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Annex

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Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Azerbaijani Republic

The direct armed aggression by the Republic of Armenia against Azerbaijan continues to inflict incalculable suffering on the Azerbaijan people.

The new escalation of the aggression that is currently taking place affords yet further proof of the annexationist policy of the Republic of Armenia, which, disregarding the efforts of international organizations and individual States, is attempting to capture more and more of the territory of the Azerbaijani Republic.

Starting on 26 December and in the course of the following days, after concentrating a large quantity of troops and heavy equipment, units of the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia subjected to massive missile and artillery fire from Armenian territory the Kazakh, Tauz and Akstafa districts adjacent to the frontier, and also the village of Sadarak in the Nakhichevan Autonomous Republic of Azerbaijan. More than 100 shells and missiles from Grad launchers fell on frontier villages and civilian quarters of the town of Kazakh. As a result, there have been casualties among the civilian population and houses, schools, hospitals and transport communications have been destroyed.

Units of the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia are attempting to launch an attack from the territory of the previously occupied Agdere, Agdam and Fizuli districts, with armoured support, in the direction of the Beilagan and Geranboy districts. Despite the fact that the enemy is sustaining heavy troop and equipment losses, these attempts still continue.

All of these barbaric actions are accompanied by an unbridled propaganda campaign in which not only the mass information media of the neighbouring State, but also the Parliament of the Republic of Armenia, are participating.

These false reports and statements are aimed at confusing the world community by concealing Armenia's expansionist policy aimed at annexing the territory of the Azerbaijani Republic.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Azerbaijani Republic is authorized to state that responsibility for the new escalation of aggression rests fully and totally with the Republic of Armenia, which by its actions is condemning the Azerbaijani people and its own to new casualties and suffering.

We call on the world community and the international organizations to condemn the aggression by the Republic of Armenia against Azerbaijan and to institute effective political and economic sanctions against it.

Baku, 29 December 1993